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# Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

### Curbside Leaf Collection Begins November 5

The City of Fairfax will offer curbside leaf collection from November 5 through December 28. Check out the hotline (703-385-LEAF), Web page and eMAS alert dedicated to this service.

The leaf collection Web page can be accessed from the city's home page. This page includes a leaf collection map that identifies the city's six leaf collection zones. Remember: heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

Update your eMAS subscription to include the "leaf collection" category for notices regarding this seasonal service. Click on the eMAS link on the city's home page.

Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles.

However, please keep stones, branches and other large items out of leaf piles — they damage equipment and endanger workers' safety.

Help the city reduce labor, save time and conserve fuel — **please have all leaves at the curb by December 16** for prompt and efficient removal. Also, consider composting to reduce the amount of yard debris.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents.



If you're new to the city, welcome!  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## Crafts, Festival on Horizon; Santa Lunch Tickets on Sale

**L**aunch the holiday season with the Holiday Craft Show November 17-18 and the Festival of Lights and Carols December 1. For information, call 703-385-7858.

The *Holiday Craft Show* will fill Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, with hundreds of crafters (and a food court) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 17 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 18.

Admission is \$5 each day for adults

or \$8 for a two-day pass. Children age 17 and younger attend for free. Free shuttle buses will be provided Saturday.

Enjoy the *Festival of Lights and Carols* in Old Town Fairfax December 1. Kitty Pozer Garden will be illuminated with animated lights, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and Bull Run Lights.

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(Photo by Gregg Tonge, City of Fairfax)

### Fairfax Fares Well During Hurricane

When Hurricane Sandy blew into the City of Fairfax October 29, city workers were ready. While some crews made sandbags for city residents and businesses, others inspected storm drains, creeks and other water sources to try to prevent or manage rising waters. In its wake, city government offices were closed and services postponed. The city rescheduled curbside refuse and recycling (Wednesday routes will be picked up Thursday, November 1), and yard debris collection will continue through November 4.

## November Government Closures

On November 9, city government offices (including DMV services) will close from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the city's Employee Recognition Luncheon. The General District Court (703-385-7866) will remain open.

**Veterans Day** — On November 12, city government offices will close in observance of Veterans Day, as will the General District Court. The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (703-385-8414) will be open November 11 and 12. The CUE Bus (703-385-7859) will run on a regular

schedule November 11 and on a modified weekday schedule November 12.

**Thanksgiving** — City government offices will close November 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The General District Court will close at noon November 21 through November 23. The museum and the Civil War Interpretive Center will close November 22 and open November 23.

The CUE Bus will not run November 22 and run on a modified weekday schedule November 23.

### Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

#### Veterans Day

- Monday, 11/12: no collection
- Tuesday, 11/13: regular Monday and Tuesday routes collected

#### Thanksgiving

- Monday, 11/19: regular collection
  - Tuesday, 11/20: regular Tuesday and Wednesday routes collected
  - Wednesday, 11/21: regular Thursday and Friday routes collected
  - Thursday, 11/22: no collection
  - Friday, 11/23: no collection
- Information: 703-385-7847.



## NEWS & NOTES

### Learn How to Winterize Your Home November 10

Learn how to prepare your home for winter comfort and year-round energy savings at a seminar scheduled for 2-4:30 p.m. November 10 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

The seminar, sponsored by the city's Environmental Sustainability Committee, offers information from experts on caulking, energy audits, "smart" thermostats and more. For information, call 703-385-7816.

### Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, Can Affect Anyone

Modern-day slavery is a worldwide problem, and Fairfax is no exception.

Human trafficking involves holding a person in compelled service. People of all ages and nationalities are victims, but women and children often are most vulnerable to labor traffickers or sex traffickers.

Traffickers use fraud, violence and coercion to force people to work against their will, often in inhumane conditions for little or no pay. They can be targeted at the mall, school, homeless shelters, from friends or other victims.

Victims work excessive, long hours and often live with an employer, or in cramped, shared spaces. Workers often are isolated, never left alone or permitted to speak with "outsiders." They may be malnourished, abused, fearful.

To report possible trafficking, call the police at 911 or the 24-hour Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888.

Find out first! Find out fast!  
Sign up for eMAS,  
the City of Fairfax electronic  
message alert system,

on the  
city's website:  
[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).



## Possible Tax Deductions Support History, Parks, Animals

Support the city with a simple purchase or donation — which may be beneficial as possible last-minute tax deductions this calendar year.

Two license plates directly benefit the city: the City of Fairfax plate (pictured, which contributes \$15 per plate per year to historic preservation projects) and the Animal Friendly plate (which transfers \$15 per plate per year to the city's spay/neuter program). A portion of the annual plate purchase/renewal fee may be tax-deductible. Plates are available from the limited service DMV office in City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7880.

Or, contribute to the *Capital Campaign for the Preservation of Historic*



*Properties in the City of Fairfax*, sponsored by the city and Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI) which includes engraved bricks and custom-designed projects for historic properties. For information, call 703-273-5452.

*Legacy for Fairfax* supports the development and enhancement of the city's facilities, parks, trails, arts and facilities. The Legacy Program offers naming rights, designated gifts, brick donations and more (many of which are tax-deductible). Legacy for Fairfax also offers clothing, toys, accessories and more with the Legacy logo. Sports enthusiasts can get their golf on at the Legacy's annual tournaments. For information, visit [legacyforfairfax.org](http://legacyforfairfax.org) or call 703-385-7858.

## Animal Control News: Speakers Available; Coyote Safety Tips; Rabies Information

The city's Animal Control Division offers the following services and safety tips. For information, call 703-385-7924.

**Coyotes** — Coyotes generally are not a danger to humans unless they're sick, injured or threatened. Keep dogs leashed in city parks and on city streets, and stay on established trails in city parks. Do not leave pets unattended outdoors, especially at night (when coyotes are most active). If approached by a coyote, make a lot of noise (clapping, yelling, stomping feet) or throw small objects like sticks or pebbles to scare off the animal.

**Rabies** — If a wild animal appears to be sick or injured or is acting aggressively, contact animal control immediately at 703-385-7924. (If the animal leaves the scene, please be prepared to tell animal control officers the direction in which the animal went and any behavioral issues or

injuries.) Do not approach stray cats or dogs or any wildlife.

Rabies symptoms include stumbling, falling down, walking off-balance, self-biting, growling, hissing and uncharacteristically approaching people in an overly friendly or aggressive manner.

Keep all pets current on rabies vaccinations. Keep pets under control at all times to prevent contact with wildlife and report any incidences to animal control right away.

**Speakers** — The Animal Control Division has officers available to speak at community meetings (clubs, homeowner associations, etc.) regarding these and other current animal-related issues.

**Adoption** — Give a dog or cat a new home this holiday season. Dogs and cats of all ages are available for adoption; see current photos on the city's website.

### Fairfax Festivals

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Youngsters age 12 and younger may have lunch with Santa at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. December 1 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Tickets cost \$6 per child (10 tickets max per purchase) and will go on sale November 1 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices.

Listen to live holiday music and

enjoy hot cider beginning at noon and continuing throughout the day at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

The tree lighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m. in the Winter Wonderland of Kitty Pozer Garden adjacent to Old Town Hall. Candlelight tours will be held from 6-7 p.m. at Ratcliffe-Allison House, also next to Old Town Hall.

Drop off new, unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots at Old Town Hall during the festival.

## General Election to be Held November 6

### Important dates and information:

**November 3:** last day for in-person absentee voting

(General Registrar's Office open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily as well as Saturday, November 3)

**November 6:** polls open from 6 am to 7 pm; after polls close,

results posted on Cityscreen-12 and city website as available

**Remember to bring proper identification to the polls** (voter registration card accepted)

**Sample ballot, polling locations, information available:** [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) • 703-385-7890

## CIP Work Session November 27 Launches Budget Process

In November, the Planning Commission and City Council begin the process of reviewing the capital improvement projects to be scheduled for the next five years.

The *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) is a 5-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14. CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle. For

information, call 703-385-7870.

The Planning Commission and the City Council will hold a televised joint work session November 27 to discuss the CIP; see page 5.

The Planning Commission will hold work session(s) and public hearing(s) before providing its recommendations to the City Council (dates to be announced). For information, call 703-385-7930.

The City Council, in turn, will hold work sessions and public hearings, then adopt the final CIP with the budget in April 2013.

## Mason Enterprise Center Helps EDA Support Business Growth; Open House Set for November 14

In a continued partnership with George Mason University, the city welcomes business owners and entrepreneurs to the newly renovated Mason Enterprise Center Fairfax location (MECFairfax).

The city's Economic Development Authority invites the public to MECFairfax's open house at 5 p.m. November 14 at the center, 4031 University Drive.

As a small business incubator and accelerator program, MECFairfax offers office space, administrative support, expert consultation and training to help start-up businesses achieve maximum

success.

Guests attending the event will have the opportunity to explore the fully-redesigned and expanded facility. Attendees will be awarded door prizes throughout the evening as they network and learn about the wide array of services and programs the MECFairfax has to offer, including one-on-one business counseling, training and network development.

The city has been in partnership with MECFairfax for nearly two decades. For information, call 703-385-7862.

## Veterans Events Scheduled November 10, 11

The public is invited to two special events hosted by the American Legion Post 177 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469.

Visit American Legion Post 177 for a flag disposal ceremony at 1 p.m. November 10 in the American Legion Hall, 3939 Oak Street.

The Legion, with the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 8469, invites the public to the Ceremony of Remembrance beginning at 10:30 a.m. November 11 at the Veterans Amphitheater, adjacent to City Hall. The remembrance ceremony will include music and a U.S. Navy combat veteran striking a vintage U.S. Navy bell for every name read from the Honor Roll of the Fallen.



# ALMANAC

### Place All Recyclables in One Container

Residents with city-provided curbside collection of trash and recyclables may place all recyclables in the blue recycling bins. There is no need to separate items.

### Cool Fireplace Ashes

Even after the fire is gone, fireplace (and barbecue) ashes retain heat and embers for as long as three days — and can cause damage and injury.

Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid (to keep out air) or leave them to cool in place for at least three days. For information, call 703-385-7830.

When ashes are completely cold, they may be placed in the trash for disposal — or can be used in compost piles.

### Contractors Must Carry Away Their Own Debris

The city provides trash, recyclables and debris collection for city residents. Residents who have debris from do-it-yourself home improvements may place their debris at the curb for collection.

Those who hire builders and contractors — even gardeners — must make sure these contractors remove all debris from the property themselves.

The city will not dispose of refuse generated by contractors.

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

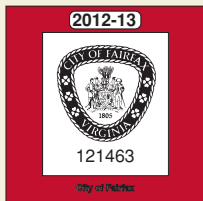
The City of Fairfax has two flyers:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City* and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*,

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website ("Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**





**Enforcement of the current  
(red) decals begins  
November 16.**

**Decals must be properly  
displayed on vehicles  
garaged in the City of Fairfax.**

**To purchase a decal,  
call 703-385-7900.**

**To register personal property,  
call 703-385-7880.**

## **Real Estate Tax Bills Mailed in November; Tax Relief Available**

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills will be mailed in November and are due December 5.

Property owners who pay the real estate tax directly and do not receive a tax bill should call 703-385-7904. Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to their mortgage company.

**City tax relief programs** — The city continues to offer real estate tax relief options to qualified senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities: *basic tax relief, tax deferral, tax freeze, or combination tax freeze and deferral*. Applications will be available in February 2013.

**Disabled veterans tax exemption** — Disabled veterans (or their surviving spouses) may be eligible for real estate tax exemptions on their principal residences, effective January 1, 2011.

The veteran must have been declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.). City residents may contact the Finance Department, located in Room 312 at City Hall, for an application.

For this exemption, disability documentation must come from the VA. It is not sufficient to submit a medical certification from a private physician. To obtain required disability documentation from the VA, complete V.A. Form 21-4138 and submit it to the V.A. office in Roanoke.

For real estate tax relief and exemption program information, visit the city's website or call 703-359-2486.

# **Winter Weather Has Special Procedures**

With winter comes the possibility of snowfall, ice storms and water main breaks. City workers do everything possible to provide service during weather emergencies.

**Water Main Breaks** — In the event of a water main break in underground pipes, water service to surrounding buildings is shut off temporarily while workers repair the problem. To report water main breaks, call 703-385-7920 (or 703-385-7924 on evenings, weekends and holidays).

**Snow, Ice Removal** — The city is among the few area jurisdictions to plow its own roads. Public Works Department crews work around the clock to make city streets passable during a snowstorm.

Property owners are asked to clean snow from their own driveways and sidewalks in front of their properties. *Pile snow to the right side of the driveway*

*(while facing the street) so city trucks can push it away from the driveway.* It is against the law to push snow onto city streets because it impedes snow removal and creates an unsafe situation.

Please remove snow from around fire hydrants so the fire department can find them when needed.

**Weather Emergency** — Snow emergencies and closures are announced in a myriad of ways, including: Cityscreen-12, the city's television station (also available on the Web); the city News and Events Line (703-273-1776); the city's website; and eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system. The city also alerts local radio and television stations. For information, call 703-385-7855.

**Emergency Preparation** — Be prepared for weather-related emergencies with the help of the Emergency Management Office; call 703-385-4856.

## **Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes**

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

## **Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards**

- **Commission for Women** (two vacancies for city residents) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Economic Development Authority** (one vacancy for city resident) — Fosters and promotes economic development and redevelopment in the City of Fairfax in harmony with the proper balance of commercial and residential enterprise and in alignment with the future needs of the community.
- **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and all Boards and Commissions on environmental and energy conservation issues.

**Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**



# NOVEMBER CABLE SCHEDULE

## Election Results

Results from the city's precincts for the November 6 General Election will be posted as the precincts report. Polls close at 7 pm November 6.

## The Fairfax Scene

Enjoy highlights of the 2012 Fall Festival entertainment. *The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily.

Programs are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

## School Board Meeting

Monday, November 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, November 6, 10 am;  
Thursday, November 8, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online November 6*

## City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, November 13, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Wednesday, November 14 and Friday, November 16, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 10 am

*Archived online November 14*

*OnDEMAND replay begins November 18*

Tuesday, November 27, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Wednesday, November 28 and Friday, November 30, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2, 10 am

*Archived online November 28*

*OnDEMAND replay begins December 2*

## Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, November 26, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, November 27, 10 am;  
Thursday, November 29, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online November 27*

## Encore!

Enjoy an encore performance of a variety of performances by musical groups at City of Fairfax events. *Encore!* plays at 4 pm daily.

## Road to Recovery

This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services series, *Road to Recovery*, delves into issues surrounding alcohol and drug addiction. It plays on days when no meetings are scheduled at 10 am and 7 pm.

## Program Copies Available

A limited number of copies of Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on DVD from Cityscreen-12. Reservations are recommended; call 703-385-7803 or e-mail [rroth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:rroth@fairfaxva.gov).

Many programs may be purchased on DVD. Submit payment (\$15, check to "City of Fairfax" or cash) to the City Manager's Office. Please provide a mailing address or a phone number. For information, call 703-385-7803.

Programs may be taped directly from the television for private viewing.

**Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.**



## Proposed Agendas for School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

**School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)**

*November 5 regular meeting*

- Student representative report.
- Presentation on "Twenty-First Century and Thinking Skills."
- Approval of the Six-Year Plan.

*November 19 work session*

- Presentations on: School Capacities, Enrollment Projections, City of Fairfax Enrollment/Population Data, Legislative Program.
- Review of Budget for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Update on Advanced Academic Programs.

**City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

*November 13 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of a resolution for the reappropriation of Capital Project funds to fiscal year 2012-13 that were appropriated in fiscal year 2011-12 and have not yet been obligated.
- Public hearings: a request for a special use permit for child care center at Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main Street.
- Consideration of the 2012 legislative program.
- Introduction of an ordinance amending the rental inspection program.

*November 27 regular meeting and work session*

- Public hearings: on any resolutions required for the legislative package; on an ordinance amending the rental inspection program; a request by New York Pizza Factory for a special use permit to allow delivery services; a request for a special exception for a parking reduction at 11143 Lee Highway.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Discussions: of the financial results for fiscal year 2011-12, budget update for fiscal year 2012-13, projections for fiscal year for 2012-13 and suggestions for the budget guidelines for fiscal year 2013-14; a request regarding a rezoning request and a special exception for a new shopping center at 9538 Lee Highway.

**Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

*November 26 regular meeting*

- Public hearing on the proposed rezoning for residential development at the former Eleven Oaks Elementary School site at George Mason Boulevard and School Street.

**Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.**





# CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

September 25

## Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to fire prevention and protection and amending references to the fire chief and the fire department; Introduction of an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company by ordinance on July 20, 1982; Introduction of an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC by ordinance on July 20, 1982; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$125,000 to fund park projects with the Jaguar Proffer funds; Consideration of a resolution approving the advertising guidelines for CUE bus advertising; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement between the city and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the design of the Roberts Road sidewalk improvements; Consideration of the city's 2013 special event run requests pursuant to City Council Road Race and Road Closure Policy; Consideration for approval of program budget for CH2M HILL, design-builder for the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant improvements; Consideration of an award of contract to Whitman, Requardt, and Associates for \$46,410 for a cooperative water supply planning project for the city and the City of Falls Church (4 MGD); Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement between the city and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the design of the traffic signal located at the intersection of Fairfax Boulevard and Draper Drive; Consideration a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement between the city and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the design of the University Drive sidewalk construction.

## Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the request for special exceptions to allow development at a floor ratio higher than the

maximum permitted; exceed the maximum wall height; reduce the width, planting, and wall requirements for the landscape screen; allow the provision of a side yard; reduce the required front yard setback; reduce the width of the required sidewalk widening in the front yard(s) of a corner lot; and reduce the required parking area landscaping for redevelopment of 10341 Main Street, subject to conditions.

- Approved, 5-0-1, the request pursuant to City Code for renewal of a special use permit to allow a home childcare facility with up to a maximum of 12 children at 3604 Jermantown Road, subject to conditions. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, Stombres, Schmidt; opposed: none; abstained: Councilmember Meyer.*)
- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special use permit to allow the operation of a specialty food establishment that provides delivery service at 10160 Fairfax Boulevard, #100 (Donato's Pizza).
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in an amount not to exceed \$3.855 million for the acquisition of a portion of real property at 3800 Pickett Road (about 2.33 acres) and construction of a school bus parking lot.
- Approved, unanimously, to enact an ordinance authorizing the conveyance to the Fairfax County School Board of certain-to-be-acquired real property, together with improvements to be constructed thereon (about 2.33 acres) at 3800 Pickett Road, as set forth in the ordinance.

## Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to execute a contract with the Anderson Company LLC, for an estimated amount of \$1,647,580 for the construction of the Pickett Road school bus parking lot.
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution authorizing the city manager to submit to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and fiscal years 2014-19 Regional Surface Transportation Program funding request.

October 9

## Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, after discussion of consent agenda item 6a: Consideration of a special event application request by Pacers Events for a Fairfax Four-Miler run through historic downtown Fairfax, Courthouse Square and Fairfax Towne Estates residential neighborhoods; Consideration of an award of construction contract for a liquid ammonia project at the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant; Consideration for approval of a task order to Gannett Fleming, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the preliminary engineering for the Beaverdam Creek Dam improvements; Consideration of an award of construction change order to Flippo Construction Company in an amount not exceed \$166,000 for lagoon bypass project at Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)

## Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, to adopt an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to fire prevention and protection, and updating various references to the fire department and the fire chief. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company pursuant to ordinance. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC pursuant to ordinance number 1982-25. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution to fund park projects from the Jaguar Proffer for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2012. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)








## Comments by City Council

- Requested staff research and make recommendations regarding the Senior Tax Relief Section of the City Code as it relates to Social Security disability benefits.

*Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.*



# City of Fairfax Community Calendar November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center ..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		<b>Curbside leaf collection begins November 5 . Remember, no bagged leaves are collected during this time!</b>  <b>Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-LEAF.</b>		<b>1</b> Tickets go on sale for the Festival of Lights and Carols Lunch With Santa (see front page) Toddler Time (age 2-3), 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>2</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>3</b> General Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 am to 5 pm for absentee voting Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered from 11 am to 2 pm Swing Dances at Sherwood: Atomic Swing Club, 8 pm, Sherwood Community Center
<b>4</b> City of Fairfax Fire Benevolent Fund 5K Run/Walk, 8:30 am, Fire Station 3 (registration required: <a href="http://www.firefighterfund5k.com">www.firefighterfund5k.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:firefund5k@fairfaxfire.org">firefund5k@fairfaxfire.org</a> ) (see page 8)	<b>5</b>  Curbside leaf collection begins Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Board Game Bash, 3 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>6</b> Election Day—polls open from 6 am to 7 pm; city results posted on Cityscreen-12 after polls close and results are available (see page 3) Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>7</b> Environmental Sustainability Committee, 6:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>8</b> Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>9</b> City government offices closed from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm (see page 1) Sherwood Cinema Series: Mirror, Mirror, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center The Friends of Fasch Chamber Ensemble, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>10</b> Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered from 11 am to 2 pm Flag disposal ceremony, 1 pm, American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street (see page 3) Home Winterization Seminar, 2-4:30 pm, Green Acres Center (see page 2)
<b>11</b> Veterans Day Veterans Day Ceremony of Remembrance, 10:30 am, Veterans Amphitheater (see page 3) Second Sunday Series: Mosby Woods: Fifty Years of Suburban Living, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim (please note location) (see page 8)	<b>12</b> Veterans Day (observed) <b>Trash and recyclables are not collected</b> City government offices closed, General District Court closed, CUE Bus runs on a modified weekday schedule, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open	<b>13</b>  <b>Monday and Tuesday trash and recycling routes collected</b> Astronomy observing session, 6 pm, George Mason University City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>14</b>  Mason Enterprise Center Open House, 5 pm, 4031 University Drive (see page 3) Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	<b>15</b> America Recycles Day — <a href="http://AmericaRecyclesDay.org">AmericaRecyclesDay.org</a> Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>16</b>  Vehicle decal enforcement begins (see page 4) Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>17</b> Holiday Craft Show, 10 am to 5 pm, Fairfax High School (see front page) SafeAssured ID Kit, 10 am to 4 pm, Police Station (reservations required) Crazy Bet: Elizabeth Van Lew, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center (see page 8)
<b>18</b> Holiday Craft Show, 10 am to 3 pm, Fairfax High School (see front page) Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road	<b>19</b> <b>Monday trash and recycling routes are collected</b> Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>20</b> <b>Tuesday and Wednesday trash and recycling routes collected</b> English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall Room 316	<b>21</b> <b>Thursday and Friday trash and recycling routes collected</b> General District Court closes at noon Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving <b>Trash and recyclables are not collected</b> City government offices closed, General District Court closed, no CUE Bus service, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed, Civil War Interpretive Center closed	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Holiday <b>Trash and recyclables are not collected</b> City government offices closed, General District Court closed, CUE Bus on a modified weekday schedule, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open, Civil War Interpretive Center open Bingo	<b>24</b> A Chanticleer Christmas, 8 pm, Center for the Arts
<b>25</b> Have you seen the temporary exhibit at the Ratcliffe-Allison House, <i>Dressed to Work, Mourn and Impress?</i> Catch it before it's gone December 9. Info: <a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov">www.fairfaxva.gov</a> ; 703-385-8414.	<b>26</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>27</b>  Astronomy observing session, 6 pm, George Mason University City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>28</b> Can milk cartons be placed in the blue bins for curbside collection in the city? Find out with the flyer <i>Curbside Recycling is Easier than Ever!</i> <a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov">www.fairfaxva.gov</a> , 703-293-7141.	<b>29</b> Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit <a href="http://today.gmu.edu">today.gmu.edu</a> or call 703-993-1056.	<b>30</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>December 1: Festival of Lights and Carols — see front page!</b>

# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

## **Support the Fire Department Benevolent Fund: Run November 4**

Get your run on and support the fire department with the Benevolent Fund Firefighter 5K, set for 8:30 a.m. November 4 from Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Registration costs \$25 for pre-registered runners and \$30 on race day. Proceeds will benefit the City of Fairfax Firefighters Benevolent Fund. Register online at [www.firefighterfund5k.com](http://www.firefighterfund5k.com).

## **Performance Series Continues**

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues November 9 with the *The Friends of Fasch Chamber Ensemble* and December 14 with the *Bobby Jasinski Jazz Trio*. The free concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Concerts continue through April 2013. For information, call 703-352-ARTS.

## **History Talks Planned**

Learn about "Mosby Woods: Fifty Years of Suburban Living" from local historian Bob Reinsel at 2 p.m. November 11 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim,

3610 Old Lee Highway. (Please note location.) For information, call 703-385-8414.

Meet "'Crazy Bet,' Elizabeth Van Lew, A Union Spy from Richmond" via local filmmaker Bert Morgan at 2 p.m. November 17 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. For information, call 703-591-0560.

## **Chocolate Lovers Grant Applications Accepted**

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee is accepting applications from eligible non-profit organizations for the 2013 Chocolate Lovers Festival grant.

The grant recipient will receive a portion of proceeds from the Chocolate Lovers Festival to be held March 2-3, 2013. Applications will be accepted through November 15 — visit [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) or call 703-385-7949.

## **Holiday Shopping Can Begin at City Gift Shops**

Start holiday shopping with Fairfax memorabilia for sale at city gift shops. These shops offer a selection of books by local authors, a wide variety of Civil War books and gifts, Fairfax and Virginia souvenirs, White House Christmas orna-

ments and more. Check with the shop to make sure the item on your shopping list is ready for you to pick up, or stop by and see what might delight that special Fairfax lover.

The gift shop in the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except major holidays); 703-385-8414.

The gift shop in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (except major holidays); 703-591-0560.

## **City Buildings Available for Private Use**

The city has unique facilities available to the public for private special events: Old Town Hall, Historic Blenheim, Green Acres Center, the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.

Even something as seemingly simple as a meeting becomes more distinctive in Fairfax. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

**Check out *Leisure Times*  
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**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).**



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